

BEST AVAILABLE COPYAmendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claims 1-8 (Cancelled).

9. (Currently Amended) A liquid-drop spraying device, comprising:
a liquid sump comprising a plurality of pressure chambers, each said pressure chamber including an outlet and an inlet;
a bridging portion between adjacent pressure chambers;
a common fluid supply passage; and
~~in communication with a common fluid supply passage via an inlet passage; and~~
a single vibration source for changing the volume of at least two of said plurality of pressure chambers of said liquid sump;
wherein said inlet of each said pressure chamber is in communication with said common fluid supply passage via an inlet passage;
wherein said vibration source comprises a single vibration transmission surface, the entirety of which is flat; and
wherein said liquid sump contacts said vibration source at said bridging portion.
10. (Previously Presented) The liquid-drop spraying device of claim 9, wherein said liquid sump and said vibration source are formed as separate members.
11. (Cancelled).

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12. (Previously Presented) The liquid-drop spraying device of claim 10, wherein at least one contact surface between said liquid sump and said vibration source is formed in a convex shape.

13. (Previously Presented) The liquid-drop spraying device of claim 12, wherein vibrations generated by said vibration source are transmitted via said single vibration transmission surface to an outwardly projecting thin walled portion of at least one of said pressure chambers to reduce the volume of said pressure chamber.

14. (Previously Presented) The liquid-drop spraying device of claim 10, wherein at least one contact surface between said vibration source and said common fluid supply passage is formed in a convex shape.

15. (Cancelled).

16. (Currently Amended) A liquid-drop spraying device, formed by a method comprising the steps of:

providing a liquid sump comprising a plurality of pressure chambers each having an outlet and an inlet in communication with a common fluid supply passage via an inlet passage;

providing a single vibration source, comprising a single vibration transmission surface, the entirety of which is flat, for changing the volume of at least two of said plurality of pressure chambers of said liquid sump; and

integrating said liquid sump and said vibration source;

wherein said liquid sump and said vibration source are separately provided as separate members before said integrating step;

wherein said liquid sump contacts said vibration source at a bridging portion between adjacent pressure chambers and

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wherein at least two of said pressure chambers of said liquid sump are provided with respect to said vibration source such that vibrations generated by said vibration source are transmitted via said vibration transmission surface to said liquid sump to change the volume of said at least two pressure chambers.